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WORRY,
YOU'LL
FIT
RIGHT
IN.

YOUR
HEROES
HAVE
FLED!
YOU
ARE
MINE
NOW!

N-N-N-N...



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MINA
MON-
GOOSE
MUSIC
STAR

ASH
MON-
GOOSE
MINA'S
MANAGER



I SPECIFICALLY
ASKED FOR YOU
TO REPORT TO
ME ALONE,
COMMANDER.



I'M SORRY, GEOFFREY. I'M AFRAID THE WEATHER HAS PUT MAX IN A BIT OF A MOOD.

NO APOLOGIES NEEDED, YOUR MAJESTY. SIRE, YOU TASKED ME WITH FINDING A MEANS TO RESTORE THE MONARCHY TO PROPER AUTHORITY, CORRECT?

YES...?

A CHAOS EMERALD WOULD DO JUST THAT, BUT THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO COLLECT WITHOUT ~~AHEM~~ ACCEPTABLE LOSSES.

AH, I SEE. VERY PRAGMATIC. PROCEED AT YOUR DISCRETION...

...COMMANDER.

THANK YOU, SIRE.

FIRST YOU DRAG ME OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING IN THE RAIN, AND NOW I'M AN "ACCEPTABLE LOSS"? CARE TO CLUE ME IN, STRIPES?

IT'S NO FUN THAT WAY, BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A SISSY ABOUT IT...

IT'S HEART-BREAKING, BUT OLD MAX IS LOSING HIS MARBLES.

YEAH, I PICKED UP ON THAT.

HE THINKS HE CAN BRING BACK THE OLD DAYS, AND TASKED ME WITH FINDING A WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

SO YOU'RE GETTING HIM A CHAOS EMERALD?

IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR US TO HAVE ONE. HE'LL BE HAPPY, THINKING THINGS ARE CHANGING... AND BE NONE THE WISER.

I HATE TO PULL ONE OVER ON THE OLD MAN, BUT IT'S A GOOD PLAN, Y'KNOW, FOR YOU.







OH, ASH!
SOB, I
CAN'T TAKE
IT ANY-
MORE!

SHHH! TALK
IT OUT, BABE.
LIKE WE'VE
BEEN
DOING.

IT'S LIKE LIVING
THE OCCUPATION ALL
OVER AGAIN! * THE
SKY SHUT OUT! THE
PEOPLE BEING
ROUNDED UP!
THE PUBLIC
LEGIONIZING!



* THE IRON DOMINION TOOK
OVER IN 5TH # 208-211

YOU HELPED,
THOUGH. YOU
GOT PEOPLE
TO THE WARP
RINGS. YOU
HELPED THEM
ESCAPE.

NOT ALL
OF THEM!
NOT WITH
THE
LEGION
AND THE
YAGYU ALL
OVER THE
PLACE...

...AND NICOLE!
RUNNING EVERY SINGLE
THING IN THE CITY WITH THOSE
LITTLE NANITE-THINGS! BEDS
EATING PEOPLE!

TREES
SNATCHING
YOU RIGHT
OFF THE
STREET!

SHE WAS
EVERY-
WHERE!





I DON'T CARE IF SONIC SAYS SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL. I WANT TO BELIEVE IN NICOLE LIKE HE DOES, BUT SHE'S **EVERYWHERE** AND **EVERYTHING**, ASH! IF SHE LOST CONTROL AGAIN...

IT WOULD BE OUR NIGHTMARES ALL OVER AGAIN. IT'S BEEN ROUGH ON BOTH OF US, ON A LOT OF PEOPLE.

AND-AND-AND IT'S LIKE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN'T SEE THE DANGER. THEY FLY AWAY FOR A WHILE, SAVE THE DAY, AND THINK EVERYTHING IS PERFECT AGAIN.



THAT'S IT!

WHAT? WHAT'S WHAT?

YOU'VE BEEN SAYING YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING NEW. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND A NEW VOICE! PRODUCE A NEW SOUND!



WHAT, LIKE...YEAH! MAKE A STATEMENT! DO SOMETHING WITH MY MUSIC! GET THE PEOPLE TO *THINK* ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

BINGO! WE WAKE 'EM UP...! WE GIVE YOUR STUFF A NEW EDGE TO REALLY SPICE UP THE SOUND!



ASH, YOU'RE BRILLIANT!

C'MON! LET'S START WRITING MUSIC!



IT'S ON.



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YO, NICOLE!
CAN YOU FIRE UP
THE STAR POSTS
FOR A TRIP TO
THE SPECIAL
ZONE?

JUST A
MOMENT,
SONIC.



HEH, I FEEL A
LITTLE BAD
DOING THIS
UNDER A
PRETENSE.

ME TOO,
BUT WHAT-
EVER IT
TAKES TO
PRE-
SERVE
THE
KINGDOM.

WOW, HOW
BORING OF
YOU. HEY,
HOW'S
HERSHEY?
I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER
IN FOR-
EVER.



SHE'S GOOD.
SHE'S...DEEP
UNDER COVER.
I WON'T BE
SEEING HER
FOR A
WHILE.

AH,
THAT'S
ROUGH,
MAN.



STAR POSTS
ARE ONLINE,
SONIC.

THANKS, NICOLE!
FOLLOW MY LEAD
WHILE WE'RE IN
THERE, SOLDIER-
BOY. THE SPECIAL
ZONE IS INTENSE!

OH,
PLEASE. I'VE
READ THE
REPORTS. I
THINK I CAN
HANDLE...

...CRIKEY.

TOLD
YA SO.

**YOU DARE
RETURN TO
FEIST'S
DOMAIN?!**

**FEIST WILL
NOT TOLERATE
AN INFESTATION
OF MORTALS!!!**

...SONIC?

WHOA-WHOA-
WHOA! FEIST! IT'S
ME! SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG! YOU
LIKED THAT I GAVE
IXIS NAUGUS A
MAJOR HEADACHE,
REMEMBER?

YEAH!
ME! I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
COOL,
MAN!

YES.
FEIST
RECALLS
NOW.

YOU HAVE
COME FOR
ANOTHER
CHAOS
EMERALD?

IF THAT'S
OKAY WITH
YOU...?

YOU WILL
PLAY FEIST'S
GAME AND ABIDE
BY HIS RULES?
DEFY ME AS THE
OTHERS DID, AND
FEIST WILL
SMITE YOU.

SURE, MAN, WE'LL PLAY
BALL, BUT WHAT "OTHERS"
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT
THIS PLACE?

YOU
LIKE
GAMES,
DO
YOU?

FEIST
ENJOYS
A GOOD
SPORT.

HA HA HA!
AN ENGAGING
OFFER! FEIST
APPROVES!

AND SONIC
DOES NOT.
DUDE, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

OH, RELAX.
IT MAKES
THE SCARY
GOD-TYPE
HAPPY, AND
BETWEEN
THE TWO OF
US, THIS
SHOULD BE
A BREEZE.

THEN HOW ABOUT
YOU PIT THE TWO OF
US AGAINST EACH OTHER?
HALVES THE ODDS OF
US WALKING AWAY WITH
ONE OF YOUR GEMS AND
RAISES THE STAKES, RIGHT?

Y'KNOW, I
LIKE THIS A
LOT BETTER
THAN OUR OLD
GRUDGES.

THE
HATCHET
IS OFFICIALLY
BURIED, THEN,
YOU LOONEY
CHILD?

BETTER
A LOON
THAN A
STINKY
WANNA-BE,
SKUNKY.

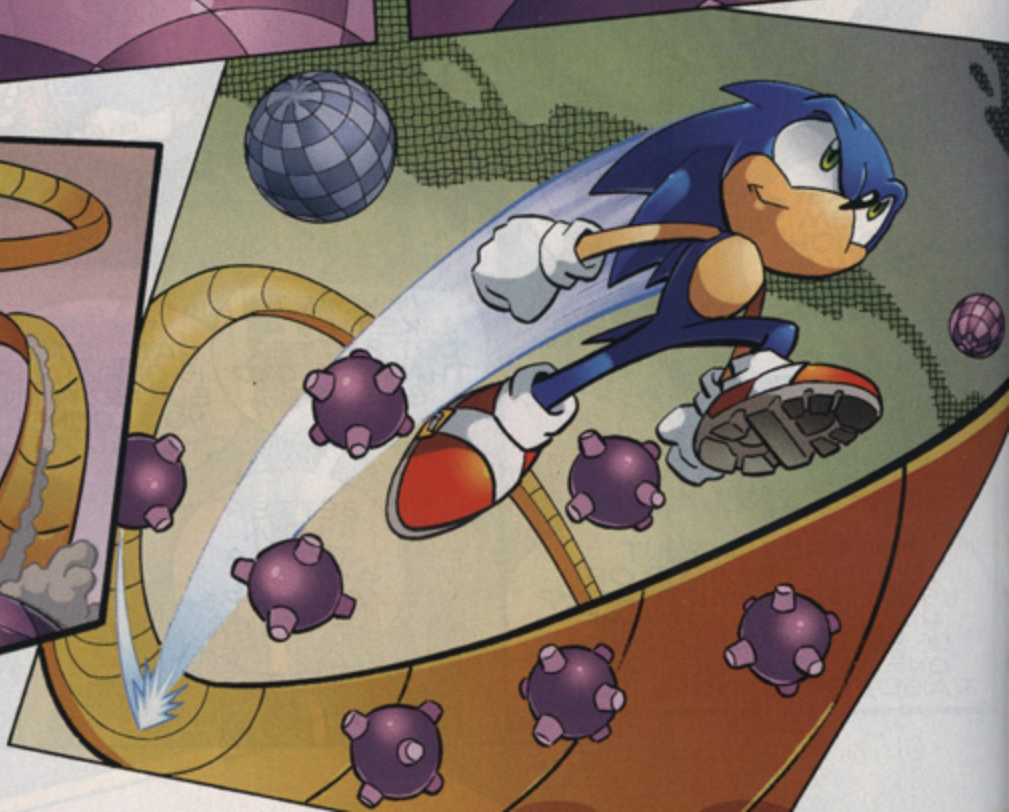


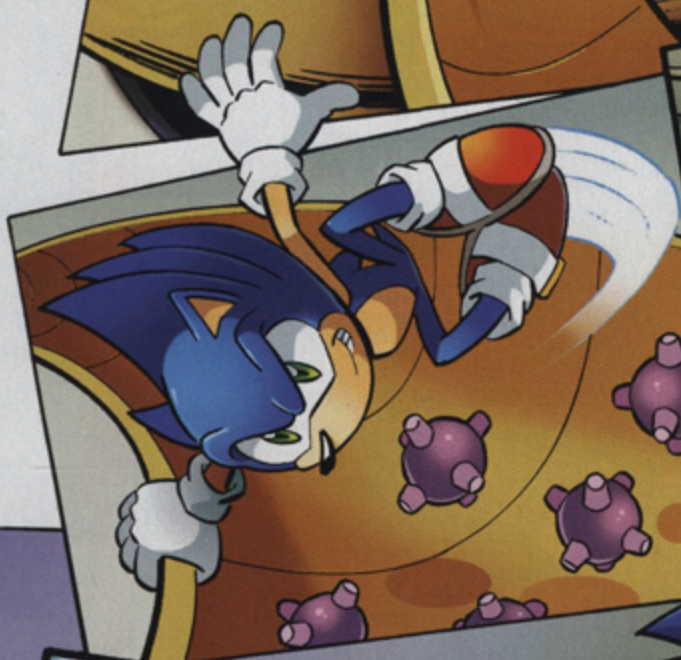
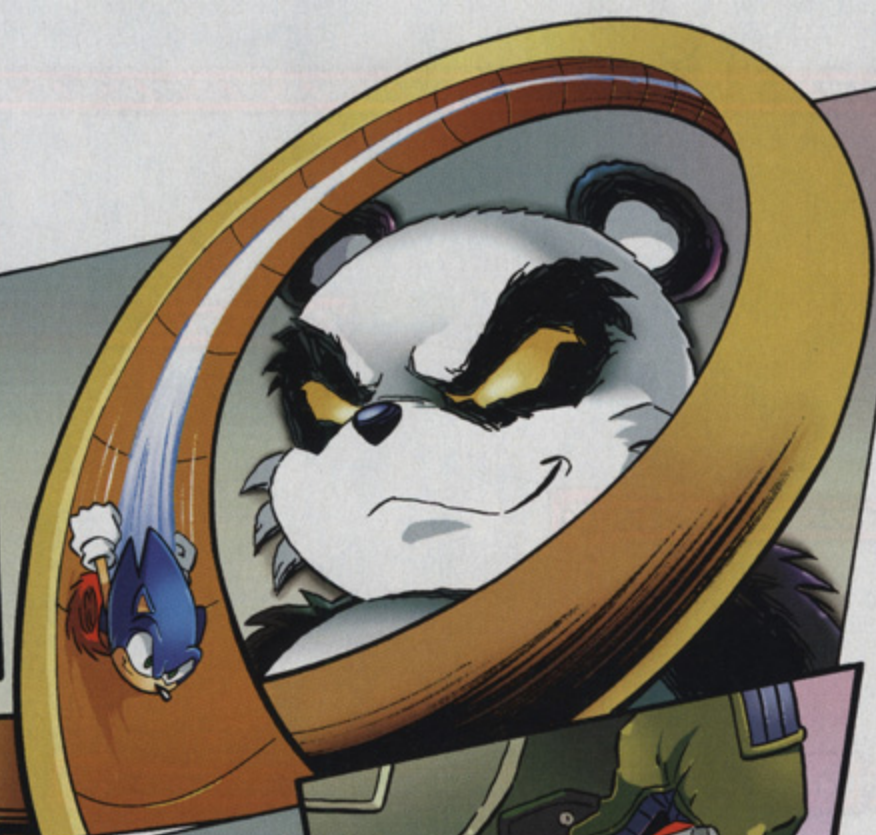
DISPLAY
YOUR SPEED
AND SKILL
TO FEIST!

IF YOU
COMPLETE THE
COURSE IN TIME,
FEIST WILL GRANT
YOU A CHAOS
EMERALD!

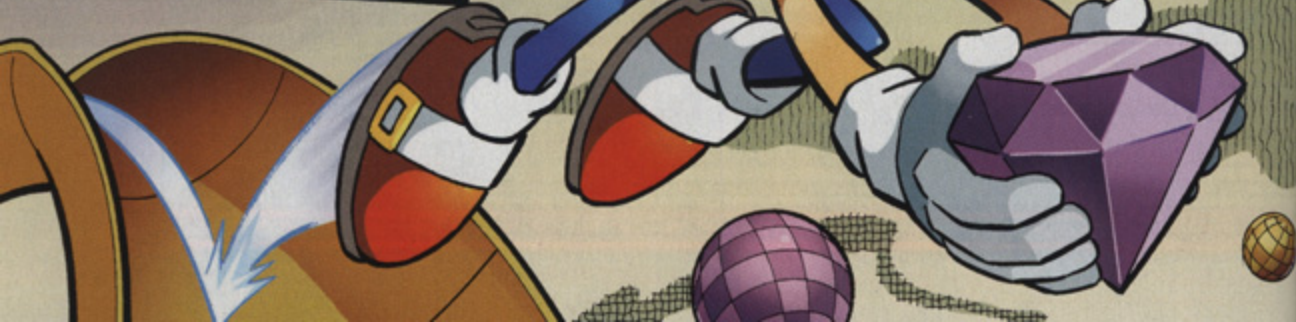
MAY THE BEST
SUPER-SPEEDY
HEDGEHOG WIN.

READY?
GO!





BA-
DAH-
DAH-
DAH-
DAH!



GO AHEAD.



**MAKE
CREAM'S
DAY.**

CHAO.*

* WORD

...BY READING THE BRAND NEW SONIC UNIVERSE ARC:

TREASURE TEAM TANGO



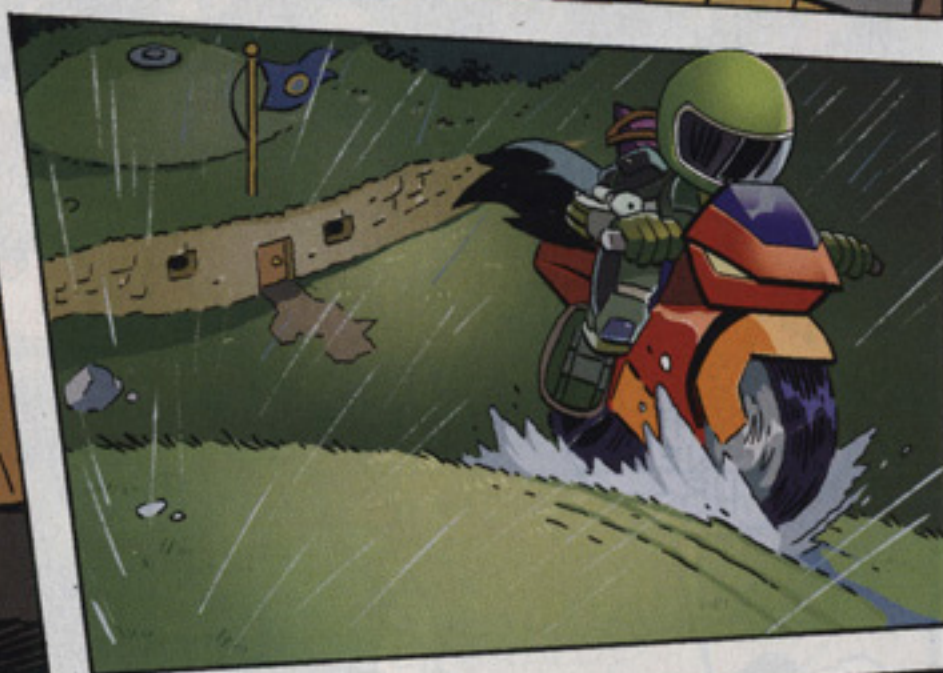
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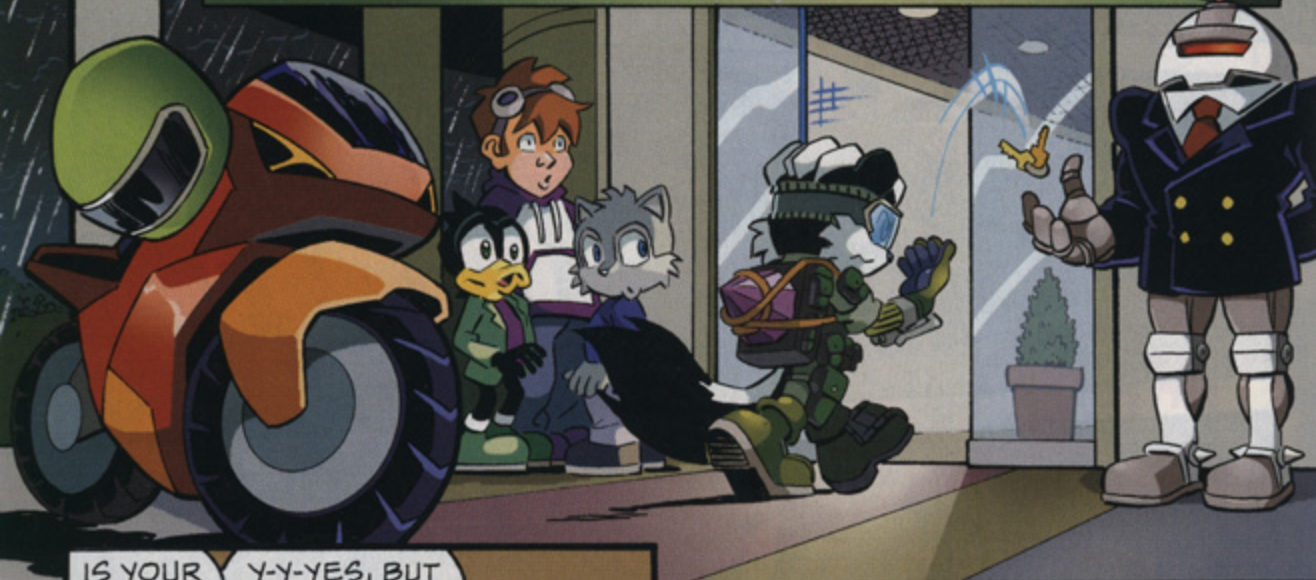
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IS YOUR BOSS IN?

Y-Y-YES, BUT HE'S A VERY BUSY MAN, AND...

HIS SCHEDULE JUST OPENED UP,



NOBODY SEES MISTER MOGUL WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.



Y-Y-YOUR
ELEVEN
O'CLOCK
IS HERE,
SIR.



COM-
MANDER
ST. JOHN,
ISN'T IT?
AND WITH
A CHAOS
EMERALD,
NO LESS.



I'M NOT SURE IF
WE HAVE ENOUGH
CHIPS TO EXCHANGE
FOR THAT.



I'M NOT
HERE TO
GAMBLE,
MOGUL.
I'M HERE TO
BARTER.



I HAVE RETIRED FROM
DAILY ANTAGONISM AND
MALEVOLENCE, COMMANDER.
WHAT NEED WOULD I HAVE
FOR ANOTHER CHAOS
EMERALD?



NONE,
THIS
GEM
ISN'T
FOR
YOU.

IT'S KEY TO
COMPLETING
MY MISSION.
YOU HAVE
THE LAST
THING I
NEED.





...OH?
WHAT
MISSION
IS
THAT?

TO
RESTORE
THE *TRUE*
KING
TO THE
THRONE.

SONIC LOST
TO THE *SPECIAL*
ZONE!

DISSENT IN *NEW*
MOBOTROPOLIS!

AND WHAT'S
GOING ON WITH
GEOFFREY AND THE
CHAOS EMERALD?!

DON'T MISS PART TWO
OF "IN SERVICE TO
THE KING"
NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN, CHECK
OUT "SONIC UNIVERSE,"
THE SONIC ARCHIVES,
AND SONIC SELECTS!

SONICTM COLORS



IN
ANOTHER
TIME...

IN
ANOTHER
PLACE...



THANK YOU FOR USING THE
ORBITAL ELEVATOR SERVICE!
WELCOME TO THE JOYOUS
AND NOT-AT-ALL SINISTER
...EGGMAN'S INCREDIBLE
INTERSTELLAR AMUSEMENT
PARK!



YOU GOING
TO BE OKAY,
BUD?

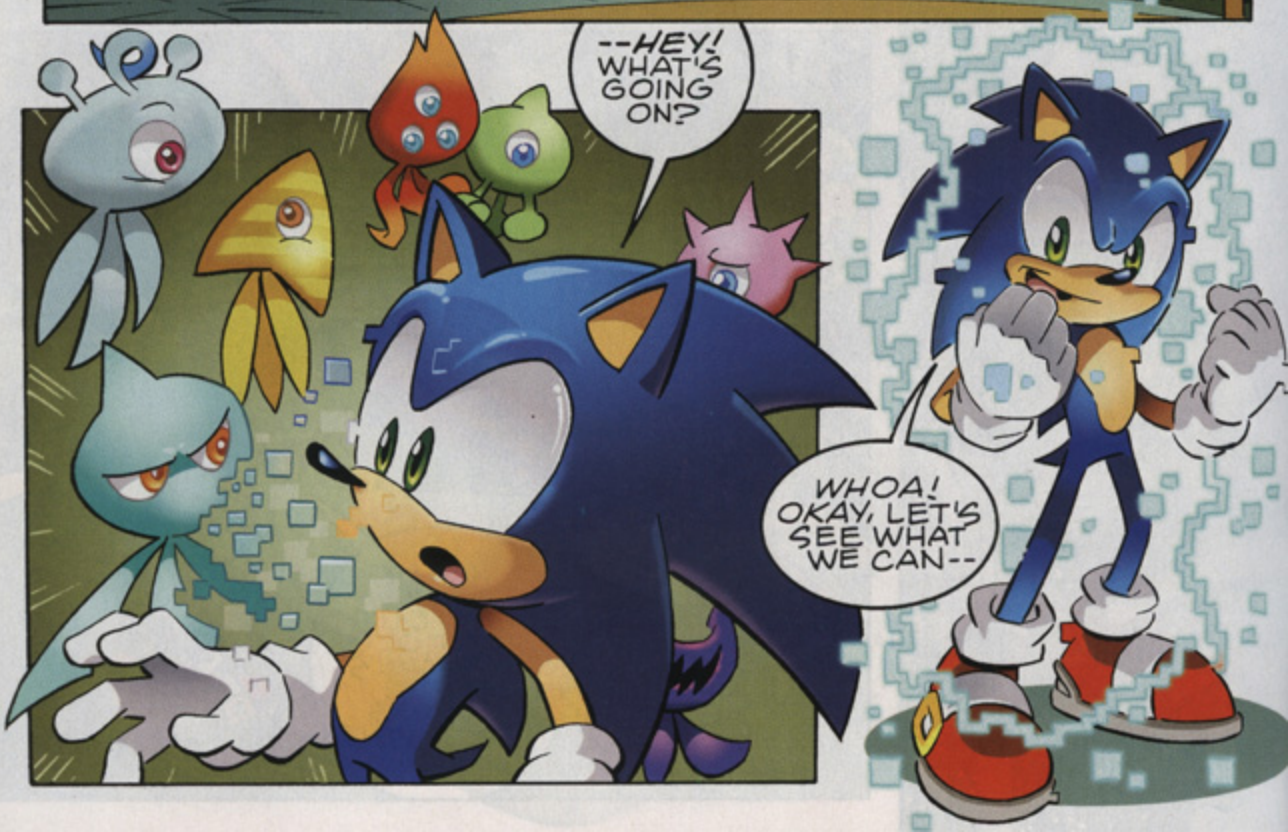
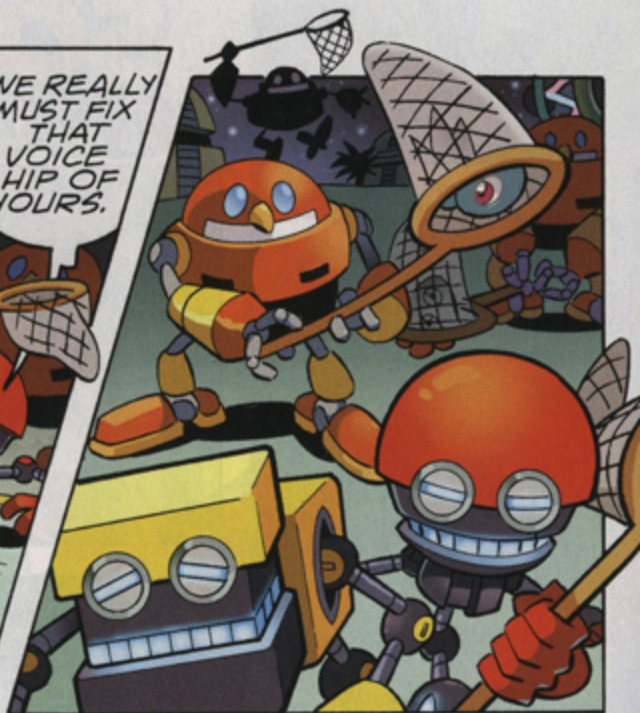
YEAH. -URP-
FINE. THAT'S
ONE DOOZY
OF AN
ELEVATOR
RIDE.

YEAH.
KINDA
SLOW.

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NOW--
LET'S
FIND OUT
WHAT OL'
EGGMAN'S
UP TO
WITH THIS
AMUSEMENT
PARK.





--DO!

I BELIEVE THE
EXPRESSION IS:
"DISCRETION IS
THE BETTER
PART OF VALOR."

MEANING
...?

AS YOU
MIGHT PUT
IT: "LET'S
GIT OUTTA
DODGE,
PARDNER!"

THAT WAS
AWESOME,
LITTLE DUDE!
HOW DID WE
DO THAT?



DON'T YOU
WORRY, LITTLE
TALKATIVE
GHOSTLY-
ALIEN GUY!

DON'T YOU
WORRY, YACKER
THE WISP! I'LL
SAVE YOUR
PLANET AND
YOUR
FRIENDS!

HIS
NAME IS
YACKER.
HE'S A
WISP.

AND I
CAN COUNT
ON YOU GUYS
TO LEND A HAND
WITH YOUR COOL
POWERS, RIGHT?

NOW YOU CAN PLAY THE
REST OF THE ADVENTURE
WITH **SONIC COLORS**
ON YOUR **WII** AND
NINTENDO DS!

THEN
LET'S
GET
THIS
SHOW
ON THE
ROAD!



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GEOFFREY ONCE REPLACED
SALLY WITH A ROBOT CLONE!
HE'S BAD!

HE BULLIED PRINCE BLIAS AND
HAD SONIC'S KNIGHTHOOD
REVOKED! HE'S BAD!



BUT IT WAS ALL PART OF
SALLY'S PLAN TO FOIL
ROBOTNIK. HE'S GOOD!

BUT HE ADVISED THE
INEXPERIENCED PRINCE,
AND SONIC HAD STOLEN
THE SWORD OF ACORNS.
HE'S GOOD!

HE'S FOUGHT SONIC MORE
THAN ANY OTHER "GOOD
GUY"! HE'S BAD!

THEY'VE MADE UP! THEY'RE
FRIENDS NOW! HE'S GOOD!

WHOSE SIDE
ARE YOU ON?!

THERE'S NO
FUN IN TELLING.
YOOOOOOOULL
SEE!



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Dear Sonic-Grams,
It's me, Kamen S., remember me? My...

SAY NO MORE! I remember you all right - and you'll pay for what you did!

...letter was in STH#206 I think. It took up most of the page!

Oh, ::ahem:: sorry about that, I must have confused you with the FIEND who stole my pudding cup at lunch...

My suggestion for a Sonic (or Sonic Universe) story arc involves the new Sonic game coming out this December, "SONIC: COLORS." From what I've researched, Eggman is using the colorful energy of these things called "Wisps" to power his interstellar amusement park. Sonic tries to stop him

and discovers he can use the power of the Wisps! For instance, when Sonic absorbs the powers of the yellow Wisp, he can drill through solid ground and shoot through water like a torpedo! I figured this out on my Wii's Nintendo channel @ Sega.com!

Wow! Believe it or not, we had the exact same idea printed in this very issue! Write in and tell us if you want to see more "Sonic: Colors" themed stories in Sonic or Sonic Universe!

That is all I've got to type - hope your comics keep getting more and more successful! See ya & keep on juicin'!

Kamen S.
from Maryland

Thanks for the letter, Kamen! And if you find out who stole my pudding cup, let me know and I'll "wisp" 'em good!

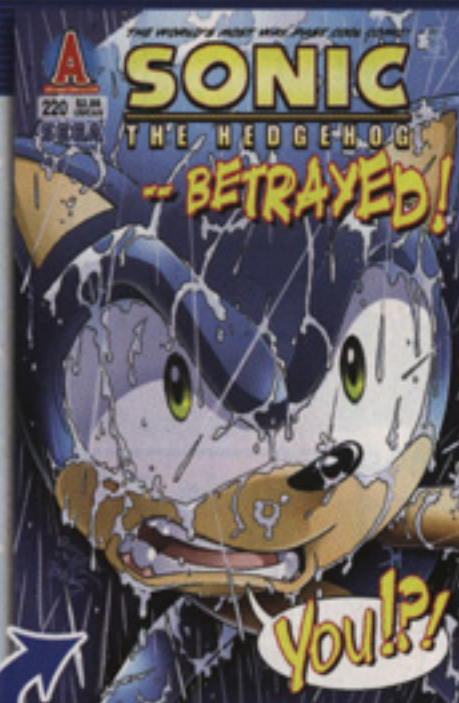
Dear Sonic-Grams,
My name is Aiden and I'm 5 1/2 years old! I like Sonic INFINITY times! I like Sonic better than anything, and can you please send me a video game of Sonic? I looked at real hedgehogs on YouTube with mommy and I saw Sonic there.

from,
Aiden C.
from Minnesota

Thanks for the letter, Aiden! You and your mom are the way-past-coolest!

That's all for now, see ya next month :)

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A TRAITOR -- REVEALED!

CAN SONIC ESCAPE THE "SPECIAL ZONE"? WHAT IS MINA UP TO? AND JUST WHAT IS GEOFFREY'S PROBLEM, ANYWAY?!

"IN SERVICE TO THE KING" pt2 (OF 2)
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 1/04/11

NEXT SONIC UNIVERSE: 23



IT'S MADNESS! IT'S MELEE! IT'S... TREASURE TEAM TANGO
PART THREE OF FOUR

PLUS: THE MYSTERY 4TH TEAM - REVEALED!
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/21/10!

OH, SNAP!

the SONIC SPIN

i say editorial, you say commentary -- "editorial"!

I smell a traitor!
(heh... cuz he's a skunk...)

It was early 2009 and I was having one of my first conversations with Ian Flynn about the story direction of **Sonic the Hedgehog**. When he told me his plan for what would later become "In service to the King," I couldn't WAIT! A few invasions, several FF groups and one Snively-cape later, and you've got the cataclysmic event that will change the face of the Sonic Universe!

It's all part of the build-up to issue 225, which begins Sonic's 20th anniversary celebration, and you're all in for a very special treat! Stay tuned!

Catch ya next month!

Paul

LEFT: Jammin' Jamal Peppers' pencils for the "shot heard 'round Mobius" panel! RIGHT: Jamal's original sketch for the #219 cover!



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